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Comments on the DCI Draft Address to NSA

I like the theme of the speech and the thoughts expressed therein. However, I believe it needs a thorough massaging by a competent editor to improve the choice of words and manner of expression in some instances. I still think more is needed about the recent expulsion of Soviet agents in Great Britain. For example, additional interest would be created in the audience to give some background on the Foreign Office letters to the Soviets in December 1970 and August 1971. My other comments are identified below by page number:

Page 2, paragraph 2 - There should be some elaboration on just what the "serious implications" are for this country. Perhaps this would be a good point to emphasize the need for more vigilance on the part of each employee.

Page 4, paragraph 1 - Suggest changing the following sentence to read as indicated ". . . done to maintain the national security, including the integrity of our intelligence missions."

Page 4, paragraph 2 - The use of the phrase "irreparable damage" should be changed to "severe damage." I think use of the word "irreparable" is simply too strong in this instance.

Page 8, paragraph 2 - The sentence beginning "Many of our people. . ." can be interpreted two ways; i.e., geographically at end of line or psychologically at end of line. In any event, it implies a basic weakness in our employees serving abroad, which simply is untrue. This needs to be rewritten.

Page 14, paragraph 2 - Where the reference is made to the "Director of the Central Intelligence Agency", it should be changed to "Director of Central Intelligence."


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